Excise Duty Evasion by Officials of Maruti Udyog Limited

2246. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Excise Department have started investigating into the alleged theft of Maruti vehicles which has led to large scale evasion of excise duty ;

(b) if so, the details of the preliminary investigations;

(c) whether the officials of Maruti Udyog Limited have been found indulging in evasion of excise duty; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) Following a newspaper report on 30-9-92, the officers of Central Excise Collectorate, Delhi contacted Gurgoan Police on 1-10-92 regarding stolen vehicles. The S. S. P. Gurgoan informed that 7(seven) vehicles were stolen from M/s. Maruti Udyog Ltd. and were presently in Police custody, being the case property in the case FIR No. 611 dated 31-8-92. On enquiry from M/s. Maruti Udyog Ltd., it was found that on four of these vehicles no excise duty had been paid and two had been cleared on payment of duty. Information regarding the seventh vehicles is still awaited. The S. S. P., Gurgoan had been informed on 7-10-92 that the four non-duty paid vehicles stand seized under the Central Excise Law. He has replied stating that these vehicles will not be released unless cleared by the Central Excise authorities. On enquiries from General Manager (Production), Maruty Udyog Ltd., it was reported that after assembly of vehicles, every vehicle is tested and if found that faults are beyond repair the same is dismantled. Some of the vehicles shown to have been dismantled had, in fact, been stolen.

(c) and (d) The matter is still under investigation and informations regarding involvement of the officials of Maruti Udyog Ltd. as well as further course of action will be available only on completion of investigations.

PSUs referred to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction

2247. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the Public Sector Undertakings which have been referred to the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, so far;

(b) what is the estimated loss suffered by each of these Public Sector Units;

(c) what are the details of the terms of reference to examine the working of these PSUs;

(d) whether any report has been submitted to Government by the BIFR, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what is the follow-up action contemplated by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The names of the Public Sector Undertakings registered with the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) as on 30-11-92 and the accumulated losses suffered by them, as shown in their reference, are indicated in the statement enclosed (see below).

(c) BIFR has reported that references in respect of Public Sector Undertakings are dealt with as per the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

List of Public Sector Companies registered with BIFR

S. No.	Name of the Company	Accumulated Los
1		3
1.	T. N. Industrial Explosive Ltd.	2922.52
2.	Sigraneries Collaries Ltd.	61356.37
3.	U. P. Instrument Ltd.	1227.83

1	2	3
4.	Autokast Ltd.	2438.13
5.	Keltron Rectifiers Ltd.	740.87
6.	Keltron Power Ltd.	1071.76
7.	U. P. State Cement Corpn. Ltd.	18013.02
8.	Steel & Inds. Forging Ltd.	774.92
9.	UP Tyres & Tubes Ltd.	768.78
10.	Southern Structural Ltd.	2919.04
11.	U. P. Carbide & Chemicals	1785.53
12.	U. P. State Spinning Co. Ltd.	9800.40
13.	A. P. State Steels Ltd.	595.88
14.	Steel Complex Ltd.	654.80
15.	Maharashtra State Textile Corpn. Ltd.	5826.13
16.	Triputa Jute Mills Ltd.	3510.07
17.	Devagiri Textile Mills	889.77
18.	Bhadohi Woollens Ltd.	740.02
19.	Keltron Counters Ltd.	720.12
20.	U. P. State Yarn Ltd.	4195.09
21.	Kerala State Cement Corpn. Ltd.	1298.28
22.	Textile Corpn. Ltd.	3208.92
23.	Keltron Electro Ceramics	3208.92
24.	Ipitron Times Ltd.	362.69
25.	Niranjan Textiles Ltd.	Not known.
26.	Kerala State Salicylates & Chem. Ltd.	791.81
27.	A. P. Heavy Mechinery & Engg. Ltd.	1476.40
28.	Kerala Minerals Metals Ltd.	9922.28
29.	Bharat Pumps & Compressors Ltd.	6493.83
30.	Nagaland Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd.	18059.95
31.	IDPL	54674.00
32.	Scooter India Ltd.	26073.00
33.	Bharat Gold Mines Ltd.	7665.12
34.	Tannery and Footwear Co. Ltd.	12067.07
35.	Triveni Structural Ltd.	2283.89
36.	Cycle Corpn. of India Ltd.	12824.72
37.	Richardson Crudas Ltd.	5497.52
38.	Mining & Allied Mach. Corpn. Ltd.	9659.27
39.	Heavy Engg. Corpn. Ltd.	48716.00
40.	Vignyan Inds. Ltd.	763.00
41.	National Bicycle Corpn. of India Ltd.	6799.02
42.	Orissa Drug & Chemicals Ltd.	179.58
43.	Fertilizer Corpn. of India Ltd.	1385.37
44.	Hindustan Fert. Corpn. Ltd.	66928.18
45.	Bicco Lawrie	4601.69
46.	British India Corpn. Ltd.	10725.25

1	2	3
47.	The Elgin Mills Ltd.	17035.79
48.	Bharat Process & Mechanical Engg.	5052.95
49.	Project & Dev. India Ltd.	6719.49
50.	Mandya National Paper Ltd.	5556.35
51.	Tyre Corpn. Ltd.	8599.34
52.	Weighbird India Ltd.	824.66
53.	Bharat Referatories Ltd.	6555.00
54.	Bharat Brakes and Valves Ltd.	1622.19
55.	Cawnpore Textiles Ltd.	2210.02
56.	Braithwaite Ltd.	4673.00
57.	Smith Stanistreet Phar. Ltd.	2393.00
58.	U. P. Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	322.44
59.	National Instruments Ltd.	5483.92
60.	Bharat Opthalmic Glass Ltd.	7764.97
61.	Bengal Chemicals & Phar. Ltd.	7478.17
62.	National Textile Corpn. Ltd.	16938.47

Single exchange rate for Rouble

2248. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the single exchange rate for Rouble introduced by Central Bank of Russia on the 1st July, 1992 had brought down India's debt towards the erstwhile Soviet Union from 38000 crore rupees to Rs. two hundred and fifty crores only;

(b) whether there was any dialogue between India and Russia in the light of the new exchange rate; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) to (c) The Government of the former USSR had extended various credits to India from 1955 onwards. The credits were denominated in Roubles, but repayments were made in rupees by means of exports of Indian goods. India's total outstanding debt to the former USSR as on 31-3-1992 was 11223.12 million Roubles.

The rate of exchange between the rupee and the roubles was established by the Indo-USSR Protocol of November, 1978. When the Protocol was signed the exchange rate was Rouble 1.00=Rs. 10.00 The last notified exchange rate was Rouble 1.00=Rs. 31.7874.

With the shift of the Rouble towards market-based currency, the Government of India have held several rounds of negotiations with the former USSR and present Russian Government for a revision of the rupee-rouble exchange rate. The talks have so far been inconclusive. The quantum of India's debt to the former USSR in terms of rupees can be established only after a resolution of the rupee-rouble exchange rate issue.

Evasion of Customs duty on Import of Automatic soft Drinks and Ice-Cream Machines

2249. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the import of soft drink automatic vending and dispenser machine and ice-cream machines fall under the customs tariff heading No. 8476:11, for the purpose of classification and assessment of customs duty;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the import of the said complete machine is being resorted to by scrupulous importers under custom tariff heading 8418:99, by